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801-835 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private and semi-public access

1822/1835-1855

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

825-827 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE ___ MUSEUM
___ COMMERCIAL ___ PARK
___ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ ENTERTAINMENT ___ RELIGIOUS
___ GOVERNMENT ___ SCIENTIFIC
___ INDUSTRIAL ___ TRANSPORTATION
___ MILITARY ___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with shed roof and bracketed cornice represents an enlargement of the original three story gable roofed pair of houses that were originally built on this site in the late 1840's. The houses are three stories in height, 115' wide, and occupy lots 100' deep. Each house has a 3 story, 5' bay deep and wide stair hall section joining the houses to a 2 story rear addition (6 bays deep at 827, 2 bays deep, plus a one story, 2 bay deep section, at 825). They are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a cornice of Italianate design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of plain modillions and a row of dentils. Five, thin carved wooden brackets connect the cornice to a plain lower molding strip, thereby forming a plain brick freize area. There is a central, double chimney located along the partition wall of the rear gable. Each house also has a rear end chimney at the eastern end of the rear addition.

The window openings of the second and third floors have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The door and window openings of the first floor have round arched lintels and stone sills. The second and third floor windows are filled with late 1/1 sash. The wide first floor windows are filled with two large single panes of glass, the upper pane cut to fit the curve of the round arch. A single light transoms, the glass cut to fit the curve of the round arch, surmount modern six panel door. The houses sit on fairly high basements, the entrances being reached by a flight of three stone steps. Each house has a wide, rectangular basement opening divided into two sections, located to the right of the steps. An arched alleyway runs between the two houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1849-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George B. Sumwalt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are representative of a large group of similar three story, gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the Federal Hill area--men who owned small businesses in the area or who had prospered at the local ship-building and glass-making trades. In addition to the full three story height, these houses are generally larger in overall scale than the type of house built for working class residents. The rooms are larger, more open, and with heigher ceilings; the spacious stairways are located in a separate stair hall area which communicated with both the main body of the house and the kitchen and dining areas located in a rear addition. The stair hall also has its own door leading the the alleyway separating the house from adjoining houses.

These particular houses were built by the same builder who constructed 206 Warren Ave., a house with similar round-arched first floor openings. The first owner of 825 Light St. was Anthony Salmon, the baggage master at the B.&O. depot.¹

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1851, 1855-56

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: 825 LIGHT STREET
Address of property Street 825 LIGHT STREET
City BALTIMORE County _____ State MARYLAND Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located FEDERAL HILL

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

GREEK REVIVAL BUILDING, 3 STORIES, BRICK-ORNATE CORNICE (TIN) ARCHED DOORWAY AND WINDOW, MARBLE STEPS (EXTERIOR), ORIGINAL INTERIOR OPEN STAIRWAY MADE OF OAK.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(use reverse side if necessary)
THIS HOUSE IS 1 BLOCK FROM FEDERAL HILL PARK ON THE MAIN STREET USED FOR YEARS AS A DOCTOR'S OFFICE. THE ARCHITECTURE IS GENUINE GREEK REVIVAL.
1840

Date of construction (if known) _____ ☒ Original ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known) _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:
Name EDWARD R. AND PATRICIA A. NEAL
Street 133 W. LEE STREET- (OTTERBEIN DISTRICT)
City BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201 State Md. Zip Code 21201
Telephone Number (during day) Area Code (301) 385-0724

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge correct and that I am owner of the property described above.
Signature Patricia A. Neal Date 4/1/82

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of the district.

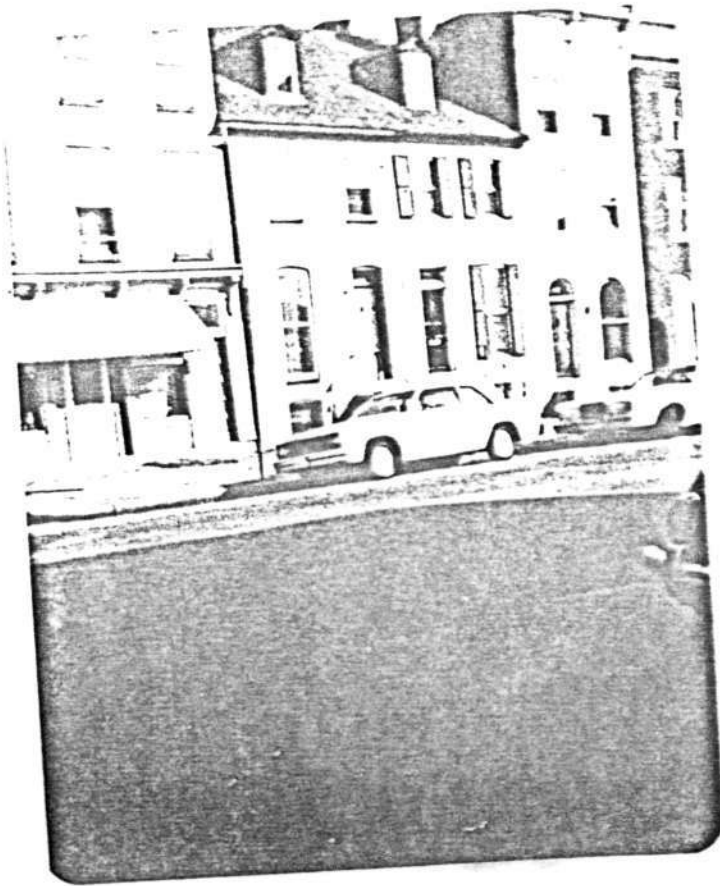
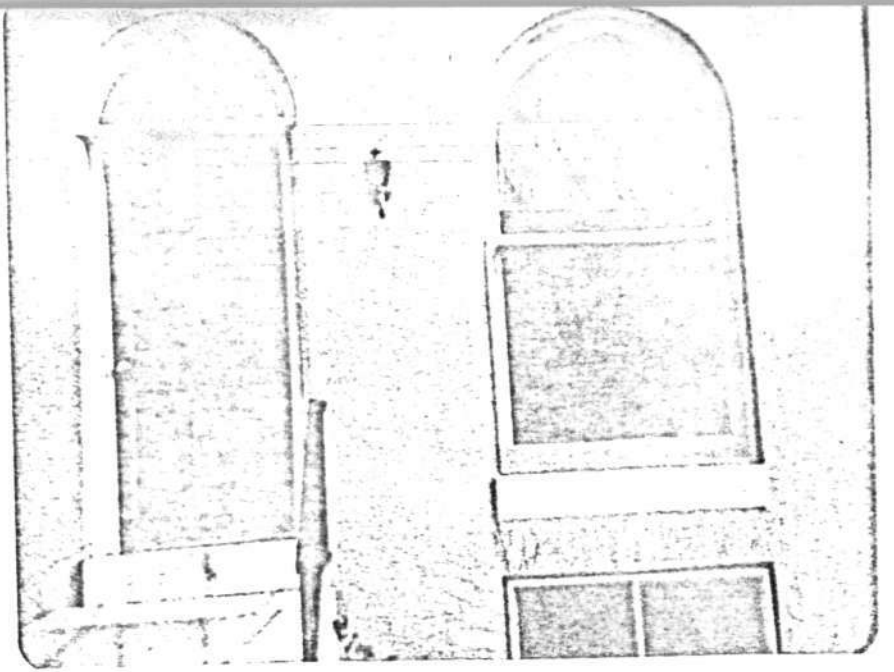
Signature [Signature] Date 4-6-82
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

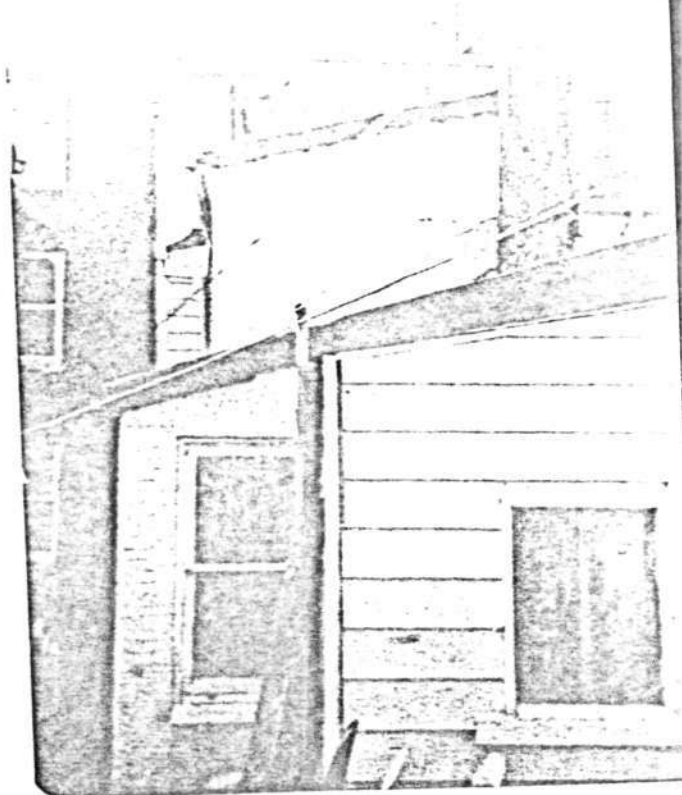
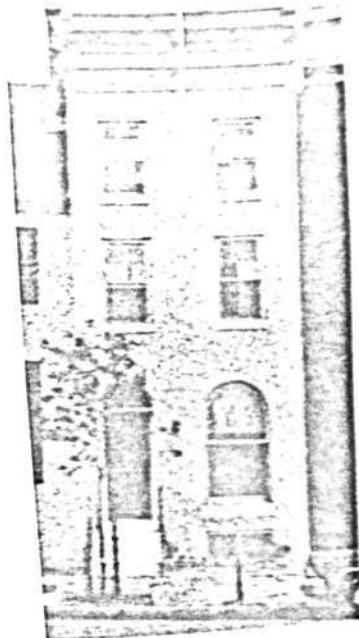
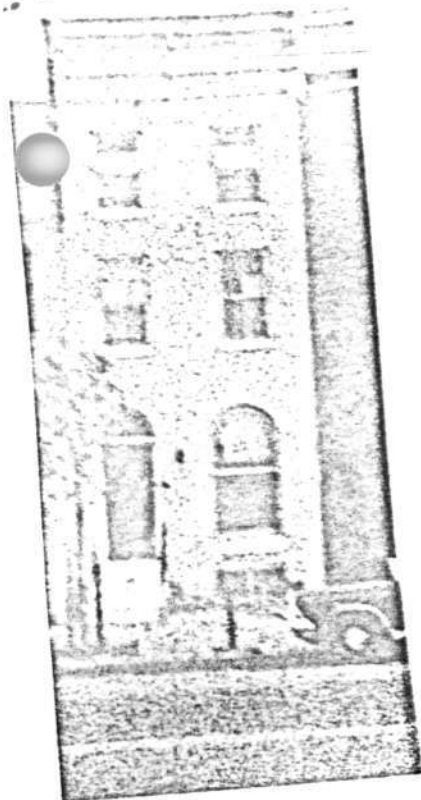
☐ is hereby certified a historic structure
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet:

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

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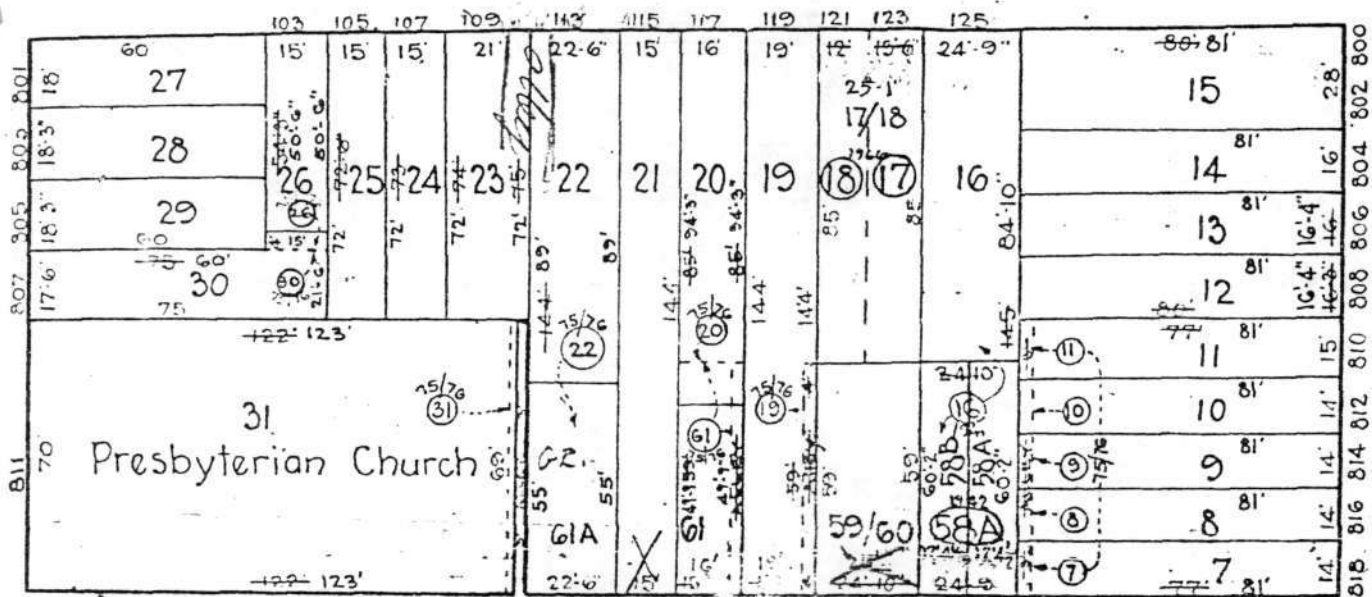


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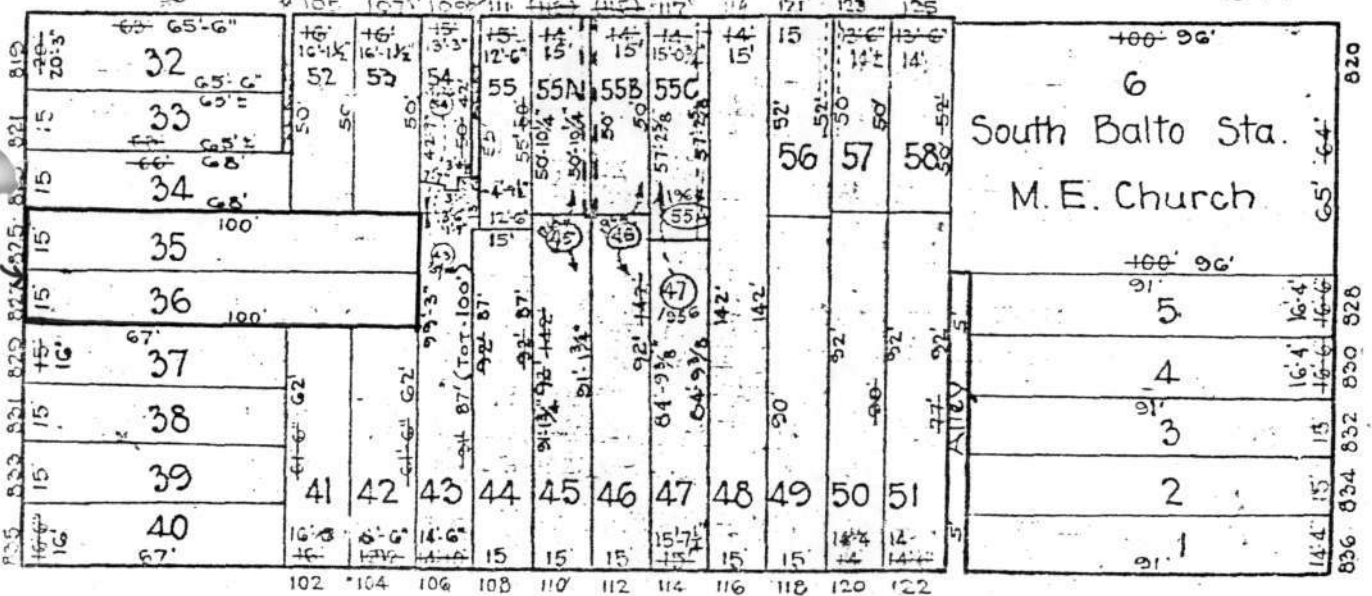
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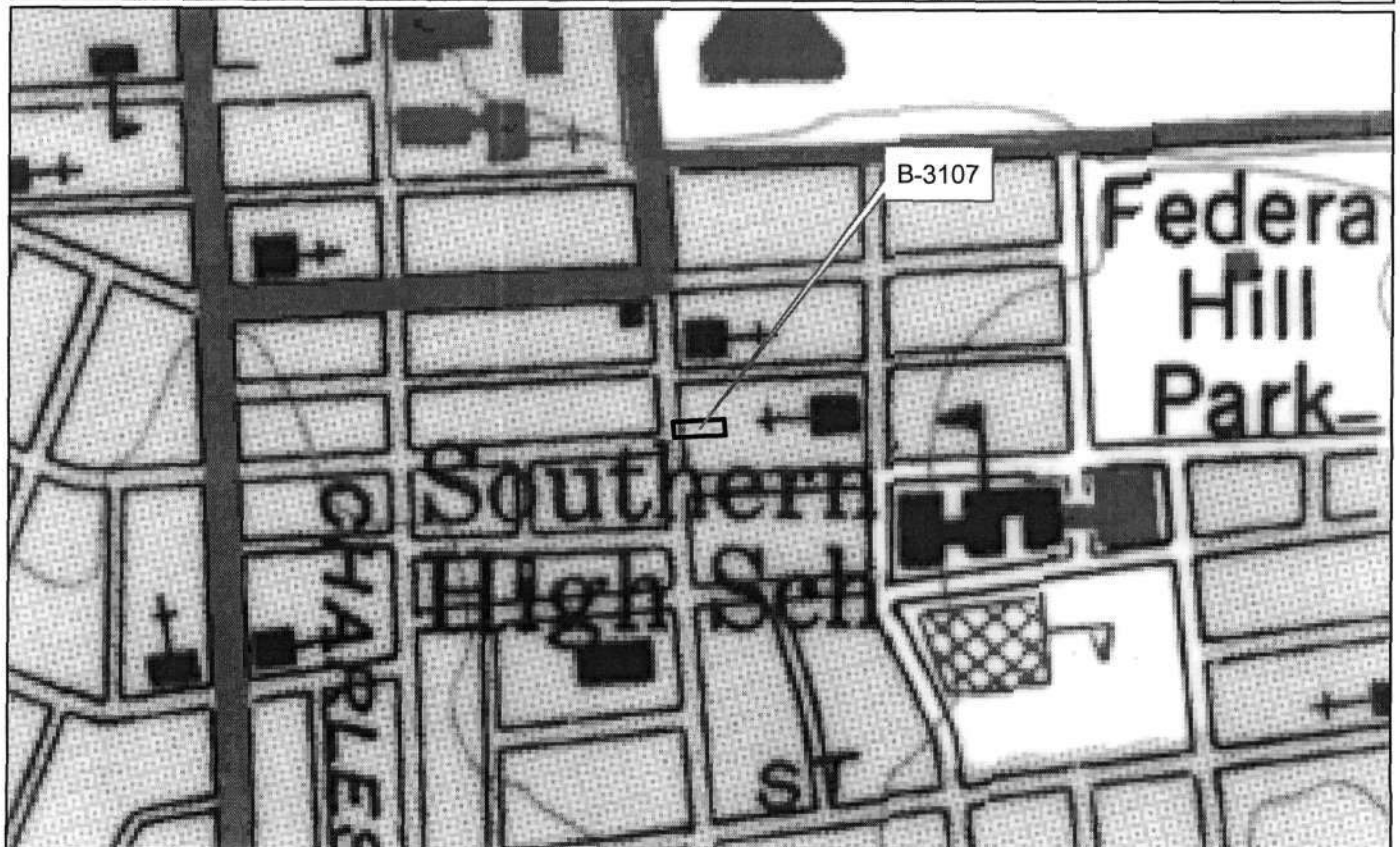
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AVE.

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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation